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ABSTRACT

This book presents the views of educators, intellectuals, students, and community activists to show that most students expelled from schools under new disciplinary measures are sent home for nonviolent violations; that the rush to judge and punish disproportionately affects black and Hispanic students; and that the new disciplinary ethos is eroding constitutional protections of privacy, free speech, and due process. The papers are "Introduction: Resisting Zero Tolerance" (William Ayers, Rick Ayers, and Bernadine Dohrn); "Ground Zero" (Gregory Michie); "Two Punches, Expelled for Life" (Rick Ayers); "Arturo's Case" (Steven Drizin); "From the Jail Yard to the School Yard" (Tony DeMarco); "Racial Profiling at School: The Politics of Race and Discipline at Berkeley High" (A. A. Akom); "Decatur: A Story of Intolerance" (Valerie Johnson); "America Still Eats Her Young" (Gloria Ladson-Billings); "'Look Out Kid/It's Something You Did': Zero Tolerance for Children" (Bernardine Dohrn); "How Distorted Coverage of Juvenile Crime Affects Public Policy" (Vincent Schiraldi and Jason Ziedenberg); "Zero Tolerance as Mandatory Sentencing" (Robert Schwartz and Len Rieser); "Education, Delinquency, and Incarceration" (James Bell); "Sexual Harassment Meets Zero Tolerance: Life in K-12 Schools" (Nan Stein); "Sticks and Stones: The Jailing of Mentally Ill Kids" (Carl Ginsburg and Helen Demeranville); "Zero Tolerance: A Basic Racial Report Card" (Rebecca Gordon, Libero Della Piana, and Terry Keleher); "When Is Disproportionality Discrimination? The Overrepresentation of Black Students in School Suspension" (Russell Skiba); "The ABCs of School Discipline: Lessons from Miami-Dade County" (Judith A. Browne); "Finding Safety Where We Least Expect It: The Role of Social Capital in Preventing School Violence" (Pedro A. Noguera); "Turning to Each Other, Not on Each Other: How School Communities Prevent Racial Bias in School Discipline" (Susan Sandler); "The Role of Law in Policing Abusive Disciplinary Practices: Why School Discipline Is a Civil Rights Issue" (Daniel J. Losen and Christopher Edley, Jr.); and "Zero Tolerance: Reflections on a Failed Policy That Won't Die" (Michelle Fine and Kersha Smith). (SM)

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